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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

The Applicant hereby submits the following submission in this case as a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This submission consists of a request for reconsideration meeting the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2007. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set, making a response to this action due on or by April 29, 2007. The Applicant is requesting that this time period be extended for three months to and including July 29, 2007 and has included a Petition for Extension of Time along with the prescribed fee. The Applicant further notes that because July 29, 2007 falls on a Sunday, the response to this action will be due on July 30, 2007. This Request for Continued Examination is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and is appropriate because:

- i) this request is made prior to payment of the issue fee [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(1)];
- ii) the application has not been abandoned [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(2)];

- iii) no notice of appeal has been filed [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(3)];
- iv) prosecution on the application is closed by either a final action or issuance of a notice of allowance [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b)];
- v) this application is not a provisional application [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(1)];
- vi) this is not a utility patent application filed before June 8, 1995 [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(2)];
- vii) this application is not an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 363 before June 8, 1995 [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(3)];
- viii) this application is not a design patent application [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(4)]; and
- ix) this is not a patent under reexamination [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(5)].

This response is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 using the format with each heading beginning on a separate page as follows:

1. Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this response;
2. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 4 of this response; and
3. Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.

To respond to all issues and concerns raised in the Office Action, this response is submitted. Each amendment is believed to have been made in accordance with Rule 121. However, should any unintended informality exist, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that the informality may be resolved as expediently as possible.